

## What is the Governor's Public Health Commission?

Gov. Holcomb issued an executive order in Aug. 2021 creating the [Public Health Commission](#).<sup>1</sup> Appointing Dr. Kristina Box, Dr. Judy Monroe, and Former Senator Luke Kenley to lead it. Monthly meetings from 9/21-6/22 addressing six categories: Emergency Preparedness, Governance & Structure, Funding, Data & Information Integration, Healthcare & Public Health Workforces, Childhood & Adolescent Health Integration. The final recommendations aim to ensure **consistent, sustainable, and equitable** public health services to all Hoosiers via “**core public health services**.” The proposed Budget increase of nearly **65% per person** to achieve these goals! Increasing public health spending from around \$55 to almost \$91 per person. With a plan for “**Regionalization**” so that the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) can better support counties.

## Why is it an EMERGENCY?

**A good tool in the wrong hands can be a deadly weapon.** Listen to the words of the Public Health Commission for yourself. In the [June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022](#)<sup>2</sup> meeting they outline their desires. Remember this is the foundation for the plan. They will be working towards this goal over the course of time. [Listen](#)<sup>3</sup> in bite-size clips. **Below is an overview.**

- **Video 1:** Sen. Kenley discusses removing funding from noncompliant counties to coerce them. He discusses overcoming “*push-back*” related to mandates from the state or governor and how the program will eliminate deviation.
- **Video 2:** Sen. Kenley reports they can bypass a “legal friction point” passed in [2021, SB1](#)<sup>4</sup>.
- **Video 3:** Discussion on coercion and forcing autonomous counties into the program.
- **Video 4:** The [current health services](#)<sup>5</sup> aren't effective coercion **suggesting an expansion**.
- **Video 5:** Sen. Brooks discusses “**re-education**” campaigns for resistant counties.

## Legislative Results

### [SB4](#)- Public Health Coercion

- **DOUBLES Legally required Core Public Health Services** for counties who opt-in. (IC 16-18-2-79.5, compare the previous to the [current](#).<sup>5</sup>) See [Video 4](#)- this is the means for coercive measures. This list will be expanded, and it is only a matter of time before this is required for ALL counties, not just those who opt-in.
- **State dept may issue guidance to the local health department on this title and any rules promulgated by the state department to assist with the *uniform application* of public health laws in Indiana.** (16-19-3-33.4) This opens the door to so many other things. At present it may seem “ok” but will get worse.
- **State health dept identifies county-level metrics to ensure core public health services in coordination with the local dept.** (IC 16-20-1-12) Shouldn't the county take the lead, not the state? The counties should be doing individual analyses and then taking these needs to the state and receiving grants.
- **Counties opting in must** (IC 16-20-1-12)

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- **Contribute a “copay.”** 25% of the total they receive from the state. **This contribution must come from taxes or miscellaneous revenue not fees or Federal/private funds.** (IC 16-46-10-2.2) How will you be charged for this?
- **Ensure the “Core Public Health Services” are provided as per the financial report.**
- **May hire Full-time Public health nurse, Full-time or part-time *SCHOOL LIASON & part-time preparedness employee.*** Once your county hires these, they will not reverse course on funding. School liaison will support school clinics and plan will be to offer a greater number of services (socialized medicine).
- **Collaborate with local entities to identify gaps in the county & develop a health plan for the county.** After accepting funding, it should be PRIOR to accepting funding for transparency and public comment.
- **May vote to opt-out at any time.** That means the people will have to force the commissioners to vote, and it makes it easier to hide from accountability.
- **Counties not accepting additional funding** will receive the same funding as in 2023 (IC 16-46-10-2.3) If this were about public health wouldn't they account for inflation as they do with everything else? Is this punishment? Initially, the commission wanted to keep counties from receiving any funding from the state or federal level. How long before this changes? It's not about health, it is about control.
- **Counties accepting ANY funds must comply with** the financial report, statutory directives, and *rules adopted by the State Department* (of Health). (IC 16-46-10-6) Administrative rules are not laws and can be changed rapidly at the discretion of the health department, UNELECTED OFFICIALS. That means no accountability to the PEOPLE. How long before administrative rules require contact tracing for “emerging public health threats.”
- **County administrated grants:** County health departments can contract with or issue grants to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties to execute core public health services. (IC 16-46-16.7) Tax dollars paying private entities to execute, expansion of government, reduction in accountability, inching into socialized medicine. What kind of businesses will benefit from these tax dollars? What kind of accountability will there be to ensure a return on investment?
- **Creates standing order for “Emergency Stock medication” that can be dispensed at the school.** Removes liability for the use of these medications. Currently, this only includes epinephrine, albuterol, or naloxone. We will need to monitor this to ensure it does not expand to things like birth control, hormones, vaccines, nicotine replacement, & antidepressants.

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They would have loved to execute the full agenda of the commission, **BUT YOU STOPPED THEM!**  
The battle is not over, we will be fighting this for decades.

They WILL be expanding this over the course of time, in fact, Rep Brad Barrett (R-56) said exactly that on [4/17/23](#). They could do it early as the next legislative session.

***Our work must continue at the county level until then!***

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## What can I do?

Meet with your **County Commission & County Council** and get a written commitment for a public hearing including the answers to the following questions 30 days prior to the vote. (Need help knowing who they are see below?\*\*)

- What are the required metrics? (We deserve to know what we are agreeing to before agreeing)
- Do the proposed metrics align with our county's greatest needs?
- Do we have a current assessment of our county's health needs? (To confirm the above.)
- What quantitative assessment will be used to show a return on investment? (Specific numbers showing county health improving, not just numbers served)
- How does the county's 25% copay for the additional funding compare to our current budget? If the county's contribution is greater than the previous budget, where will the deficit come from? (Taxes?)
- How will entities given grants be held accountable for meeting metrics?

Set up a meeting with **State Legislators**, let them know how dissatisfied you are with SB4. Then get them to commit to creating transparency via the methods below in 2024. It is an election year, they should be highly motivated.

- The state department must provide each county with metrics, the maximum amount of additional funding available, and the expected copay.
- A public health assessment is to be completed 6 months prior to the biannual renewal of funding by the county health dept identifying specific and measurable directives.
- Counties create an individualized public health plan including quantitative metrics for evaluation and a budget.
- At a minimum the county executive must vote to accept or decline funding every two years after holding a public hearing including the above.

Share this information with your community! Take copies of this flyer to church, groups, work, and other social events. Participate in a [Liberty Dinner](#)<sup>6</sup>, become a [Local Partner](#)<sup>7</sup>, [Watch Dog](#)<sup>8</sup>, or [volunteer](#)<sup>9</sup> to drive change in your community. Talk to local businesses about how COVID mandates impacted their business.

## Evidence of collaboration for centralization.

- Dr. Judy Monroe is the President & CEO of the CDC Foundation.<sup>1</sup>
- The [CDC gave Indiana \\$50.6 mill. for Public Health](#)<sup>10</sup> in: Workforce, Foundational Capabilities, & Data Modernization.
- CDC [Rochelle Walensky plans to improve COVID response](#)<sup>11</sup> via public health overhaul using gov't, business, & schools.

\*\*Get the contact information for your county commissioners & county health department by texting **260-286-0988** with your county name like **ADAMS COUNTY**

1. <https://www.in.gov/health/about-the-agency/boards-and-commissions/gphc/>
2. <https://www.youtube.com/live/WgHPGHilpRE?feature=share>
3. <https://hoosiersformedicalliberty.com/gphcshorts.html>
4. <https://iga.in.gov/documents/602307ec>
5. <https://www.in.gov/health/files/LHD-Duties-List-Revised-Oct-2021.pdf>
6. <https://hoosiersformedicalliberty.com/libertydinners.html>
7. <https://hoosiersformedicalliberty.com/localpartners.html>

8. <https://hoosiersformedicalliberty.com/watchdogs.html>
9. <https://hoosiersformedicalliberty.com/volunteer.html>
10. <https://the-fortify-podcast.simplecast.com/episodes/whats-up-wednesday-12-14-cdcs-506-million-dollar-grant-to-indiana-aXd3EjzB>
11. <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/01/21/rochelle-walensky-cdc-overhaul-public-health-covid-527630>



Dear County Commissioners & Council Members,

You are receiving this commitment letter because your constituents are concerned about the Transparency and Fiscal Responsibility of SEA 4.

Return a copy of this letter to the constituent that sent it to you and one to the address at the bottom of this letter so that we can accurately describe your level of commitment to Public Health Transparency & Fiscal Responsibility when communicating with our members.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, County Commissioner/County Council Member, pledge to ensure Public Health Transparency and Fiscal Responsibility in \_\_\_\_\_ County.

To ensure \_\_\_\_\_ County residents are receiving the best possible public health measures in a transparent and fiscally responsible manner, I will not vote in favor of accepting additional state funding proposed by SEA 4, until a county public hearing with comment is held covering the following.

*Check all that apply:*

- A review of the specific state-required metrics and conditions.
  - My constituents deserve to know the terms associated with the additional funding.
- A review of a current assessment of our county's health needs.
  - My constituents deserve to be sure that the county's needs are met by the suggested metrics.
- A review of how the required core public health services align with our county's needs.
  - My constituents deserve to know that the initiatives of the county will serve them.
- A review of the quantitative assessment will be used to show a return on investment.
  - My constituents want to know that they are making a wise investment and can see changes. They deserve specific numbers showing county health improving, not just numbers of individuals served.
- A review of how the county's 25% copay for the additional funding compared to our current budget? If the county's contribution is greater than the previous budget, where will the deficit come from?
  - My constituents deserve to know if this increase in funding will also impact them and to what extent.
- A review of grant requirements to ensure entities receiving them will be held accountable for meeting metrics and providing public health measures, not chronic disease management.
  - My constituents deserve to know that when the county contracts with local businesses, the businesses will be held accountable to provide appropriate public health measures.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_





Dear State Senators & House Representatives,

You are receiving this commitment letter because your constituents are concerned about the lack of Transparency and Fiscal Responsibility of SEA 4. Your constituents deserve to know your commitment to these values.

Return this signed letter to the address at the bottom of this letter so that we can accurately describe your level of commitment to Public Health Transparency & Fiscal Responsibility when communicating with our members.

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, State Senator/House Representative, pledge to ensure Public Health Transparency and Fiscal Responsibility on behalf of District \_\_\_\_\_ during the legislative session in 2024.

To ensure these values are met, I agree to author/co-author legislation supporting transparency and fiscal responsibility correcting the shortcomings of SEA4 (2023) with the following provisions:

Prior to a county accepting additional state funding for public health, a public hearing must occur at a minimum of 30 days, but no more than 90 days prior to the county executive vote including the following:

- a) The state department must provide each county with the required metrics, the maximum amount of additional funding available, and the expected copay prior to accepting funding.
- b) The results of a county public health assessment completed by the county health department identifying specific and measurable directives to improve public health no more than 6 months prior to the initiation or biannual renewal of additional funding
- c) County-specific public health plan including quantitative metrics for evaluation and a proposed budget.
- d) Public comment

At a minimum, the county executive must vote to accept or decline public health funding every two years.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Office: \_\_\_\_\_  
Party: \_\_\_\_\_  
District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

